

## **REMARKS**

This Supplemental Amendment is submitted in addition to the claim amendments and arguments presented in the Response filed on August 3, 2007. By this Supplemental Amendment, claims 1, 3, 15 and 17 have been amended; and claims 27 and 28 have been added. No new matter has been introduced by this Supplemental Amendment. Therefore entry and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

The Applicants' maintain that the claim amendments presented herein are to correct minor informalities and/or simplify issues on appeal. Specifically, independent claims 1 and 15 have been amended to include terms used in the original claims, which are more widely supported by the specification. Additionally, dependent claims 3 and 17 have been amended merely to reflect the claim amendments made to independent claims 1 and 15, from which they respectfully depend. Finally, new claims 27 and 28 correspond to original claims 2 and 16, which were canceled in the Response filed on August 3, 2007.

In claim 1, in the "template storing means" limitation starting at line 14, the following changes have been made: 1) the phrase "a plurality of answer form templates" has been replaced with the phrase "template question programs"; and 2) the phrase "answer form formats" has been replaced with the phrase "answer forms."

In the "generating means" limitation starting at line 18, the following changes have been made: 1) the phrase "at least one patient specific answer form," has been replaced with the phrase "question programs"; and 2) the phrase "at least one of the answer form templates" has been replaced with the phrase "the template question programs."

In the "displaying means" limitation starting at line 24, the following changes have been made: 1) the phrase "displaying questions from the medical doctor included in the question set to the patient in the patient specific answer form" has been replaced with the phrase "displaying questions for the medical doctor's questions to patients by executing the question programs."

The above amendments to claim 1 include terms or phrases previously presented in the original claims. Thus, no new limitations are being added requiring additional search and/or consideration. Additionally, the proposed claim amendments include terms

or phrases that are believed to be more widely supported by the Applicants' application, thereby simplifying issues on appeal. For example, support for the terms or phrases noted above for the "template program storing means" can be found on page 16, lines 12-15; and page 36, line 11 through page 37, line 5. Support for the terms or phrases noted above for the "generating means" can be found on page 36, line 11 through page 39, line 13; page 47, lines 9-20; and in Fig. 19. Support for the terms or phrases noted above for the "displaying means" can be found in Fig. 3 and Figs 30-38.

Similar claim amendments have been made to independent claim 15; and dependent claims 3 and 17 have been amended merely to reflect the claim amendments made to their respective base claims (i.e., 1 and 15).

Moreover, the claim amendments to independent claims 1, 15 and 25 discussed with Examiner Tomaszewski during the personal interview conducted on July 25, 2007, still remain in the claims. Specifically, independent claims 1, 15 and 25 include "first interface means" and "second interface means." It was agreed that the addition of these claim limitations would likely overcome the rejections in view of the cited prior art (see Interview Summary dated July 25, 2007). These claim limitation were added in the Response filed on August 3, 2007, and have not been changed as a result of the claim amendments made herein.


Therefore, independent claims 1, 15 and 25 remain patentably distinguished over the cited prior art. Additionally, dependent claims 2-14, 16-24 and 26 remain patentably distinguished over the cited prior art based at least on their dependency from independent claims 1, 15 and 25.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is clearly in condition for allowance. An early notice thereof is respectfully solicited.

If, after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner feels there are any issues remaining which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone in order to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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